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1. WHILE STRONGLY PREFERRING TO RETAIN LANGUAGE ON

ADHERENCE TO POST-REDUCTION FORCE LEVELS, WE ARE WILLING FOR THE TIME BEING TO DROP POINTS 1 AND 2 IN PARA 7, REF A IN ORDER TO AVOID WRANGLING WITH THE FRG. WE WOULD THUS BE WILLING IN DEC. 5 PLENARY TO REPEAT PREVIOUS ALLIED STATEMENTS ON VERIFICATION WITH THE ADDITION OF POINT 3 ON NON-INTERFERENCE.

2. IN EXPLAINING OUR POSITION TO SPC, MISSION SHOULD REITERATE OUR CONTINUING ATTACHMENT TO CONCEPT OF MONITORING POST-REDUCTION FORCE LEVELS, AND STRESS THAT WE ARE WILLING TO FOREGO MENTION OF IT NOW ONLY IN DEFERENCE TO STRONGLY HELD FRG VIEWS AND OUR DESIRE TO CLEAR GUIDANCE TO AD HOC GROUP IN A TIMELY FASHION. YOU SHOULD EMPHASIZE THAT THIS DOES NOT IMPLY CHANGE IN IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO VERIFYING RESIDUAL FORCES.

3. IF MISSION FEELS THAT VERSION PROPOSED ON PERSONAL BASIS BY FRG REP HAS CHANCE OF APPROVAL IN BONN, WE WOULD

SUPPORT THAT. WE COULD NOT AGREE, ON THE OTHER HAND, TO IS SUGGESTED TEXT IN PARA 3 OF REF C, SINCE REFERENCE TO "REPLACED" BEARS TOO STRONG A RESEMBLANCE TO FRG LANGUAGE. WE WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ACCEPT INSERTING NEW POINT BETWEEN PRESENT POINTS 2 AND 3 AS SUGGESTED IN PARA 4 REF C, BUT DROPPING POINT 1 WOULD SEEM TO LEAVE THIS ACADEMIC. INGERSOLL

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